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SUBJECT: IDB NON-REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP

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1. IN MOTHECHT'S STEAD, WE DISCUSSED THE IDB NON-REGIONAL MEMBERS PARIS MEETING WITH SCHULZ OF THE FRG AID MINISTRY.

2. SCHULZ SAID THE NON-REGIONAL MEMBERS WERE NOT ABLE TO AGREE TO COMMITTING THEMSELVES TO THE \$500 MILLION CONTRIBUTION ALTHOUGH HE SAID THAT MOST OF THE PARTICIPANTS EXPRESSED A WILLINGNESS TO RAISE THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS SO AS TO INCREASE THE TOTAL CONTRIBUTION FROM THE \$415 MILLION LEVEL EXPRESSED AT SANTIAGO. HE SAID THIS INCREASE DEPENDED ON TWO CRITERIA. FIRST, FOR MOST OF THE PARTICIPANTS, THE DECISION OF FRANCE IS IMPORTANT. AT THE RECENT MEETING, THE FRENCH INDICATED THEIR POSITION ON PARTICIPATION IS NOW OPEN INSTEAD OF NEGATIVE AS HAD BEEN THE CASE IN THE PAST. SHOULD THE FRENCH COME IN, THE LEVEL OF THEIR PARTICIPATION, ACCORDING TO SCHULZ,

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IS RUMORED TO BE BETWEEN \$25 AND \$30 MILLION. A

POSITIVE FRENCH DECISION WOULD SUPPORT OTHER MEMBERS' EFFORTS TO INCREASE THEIR CONTRIBUTION. SECOND, SCHULZ SAID A FLEXIBLE ATTITUDE BY THE EXISTING IDB MEMBERS WOULD BE HELPFUL. IN THIS RESPECT, HE NOTED THAT IF THESE MEMBERS DROP THEIR INSISTENCE ON A \$500 MILLION CONTRIBUTION, HE THOUGHT THE NON-REGIONAL MEMBERS MIGHT BE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE ABOUT \$475 MILLION. HE EMPHASIZED THIS WAS A SPECULATIVE FIGURE.

3. SCHULZ SAID THE NON-REGIONAL MEMBERS ARE SCHEDULED TO CAUCUS THE MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 27, PRIOR TO THE AFTERNOON MEETING WITH THE IDB MEMBERS, TO REVIEW THE SITUATION AND TO HOLD A "GAP FILLING" EXERCISE. HE DOUBTED THERE WOULD BE A FINAL AGREEMENT AMONG THE NON-REGIONAL MEMBERS ON A LEVEL UNTIL THAT MORNING MEETING. SCHULZ INDICATED THAT THE FRG IS PRESENTLY CONSIDERING RAISING SLIGHTLY ITS \$70.4 MILLION CONTRIBUTION BUT HE EMPHASIZED THIS DECISION IS NOT YET FINAL AND DEPENDS A GREAT DEAL ON DEVELOPMENTS.
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